

There is always the fascination of the vivid personalities of the period----James King of Wm. and Thomas Starr King are the editors in that momentous year of 1856. There are such records as that of Mrs. Hubbs, daughter of Captain Hedelius, who was with John Paul Jones, and one of the survivors of the "Bon Homme Richard." Along still another line, we may study from the records the complex racial elements that are making up the life of a new commonwealth.

As Chairman, I wish to acknowledge for myself and the other members of the committee our deep appreciation of, and our indebtedness to Miss Helen Bruner of the Sutro Branch State Library for her most valued advice and assistance. Likewise to Mrs. Scott Rountree, Chairman of the California Pioneer Charts, for her wise and inspiring counsel.

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